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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Management and Services

SUBJECT : Weekly Report

1. Middle East Crisis: The MAX-II/III transmission workload escalated dramatically during the seven-day period 17-23 July as indicated by the following statistics:

Precedence	Normal Weekly Volume	17-23 July Volume
CRITIC	0	300
FLASH	1,500	9,000
IMMEDIATE	65,000	130,000

There was some degradation in the speed of handling of ROUTINE and PRIORITY precedence, but overall handling times were excellent. Some delays occurred in the Cable Secretariat where ROUTINE/PRIORITY processing simply had to be set aside during critical periods. The backlog has now been eliminated as a result of volume decreases and the scheduling of overtime work.

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The DDO is requesting authorization to establish a one-man station posed that the DDO assignee be trained to perform station communications functions.

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4. SKYLINK: The 18 July satellite outage, caused by a transponder failure, lasted five hours before it was switched over to the standby transponder. Failure of the standby would not cause a total outage, but would result in degraded service. Present planning is to replace this satellite with one of the two systems to be launched in November. The present system would then revert to standby.

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Final approval has been given to procure two SC-2 SKYLINK entry terminals, one for and one for the U.S. Base Station. These terminals will be used to communicate with the East Pacific satellite.

Planned Activities

1. Possible Telephone Strike: C&P personnel may go on strike on 1 August. If this happens, there are sufficient management personnel on duty at the Agency to maintain the main switch and handle telephone trouble calls. Other work orders such as new installations or modifications could not be handled.

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3. Training:

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training workload to the week of 29 July 1s projected to be 10 courses of instruction with 50 students enrolled. A breakdown of student enrollment by Agency component is as follows:

Office of Communications 48

DDO/Division D

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DDO/EUR Division

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B. The following courses and seminars are scheduled to be held the week of 29 July:

Date

Course

Attending

30 - 31 July

OF Career Board Panel

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31 July - 2 August

DDM&S Career Counseling

Course

Director of Communications